

**Statement**

S.No.	Name of District	No. of telephone connections provided during			Waiting list (as on 31.12.96)
		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (as on 31.1.97)	
1.	Ahmedabad	18919	33279	16369	51090
2.	Amreli	1747	2369	1197	6261
3.	Banaskantha (PMP)	2769	4298	2381	9245
4.	Baroda	16000	19654	10987	33911
5.	Bharuch	2510	5711	5616	9664
6.	Bhavnagar	4615	3549	2067	20242
7.	Bhuj	4348	2905	5099	14989
8.	Gandhinagar	4741	2891	687	3911
9.	Panchmahal	3300	2723	2371	6049
10.	Jamnagar	4826	3504	2564	8155
11.	Junagadh	3686	1720	3873	15914
12.	Rajkot	9390	11070	8001	18379
13.	Sabarkantha	2842	2786	1773	11360
14.	Surat	20001	15114	14648	30141
15.	Surendranagar	2382	1802	2192	4088
16.	Mehsana	8228	8021	5685	19805
17.	Kheda	4023	4121	2567	12800
18.	Valsad	7303	8189	4349	15395
19.	Dang-Ahwa	52	101	129	96
20.	Union Territories (Diu, Daman & Dadra Nagar Haveli)	805	1105	632	3264
		122507	134832	93187	294759

[English]

**Flight to Gulf Countries**

1007. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :  
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to be state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce new flights to some Gulf and Central Asian countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the countries to which these flights are proposed to be introduced; and

(c) the time by which the above new flights are proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) Air India and Indian Airlines have introduced 11 new flights on Gulf sectors during the year 1996-97. Further augmentation of flights to Gulf

countries would depend upon the market requirements, which are constantly monitored by the airlines through traffic surveys. Air India/Indian Airlines have also been asked to conduct a traffic survey to consider the feasibility of introducing direct airlinks to Tashkent and Almaty.

**New Aviation Policy**

1008. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :  
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :  
SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' :  
SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA :  
SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :  
SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to be state :

(a) whether the Government have recently approved the new aviation policy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;